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Examiner: Moore, William W.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner of Patent
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 20, 2002

Sir:

Further to the Office Action dated June 27, 2002, the following is submitted as a full and complete response thereto, a Petition for a Three Month Extension of time being attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add on page 1, line 1, the following: This is a 371 of International

Application Number PCT/US99/07016 filed on April 22, 1999. The disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-19 have been rejected.

The Examiner has objected to the claim for priority because the specification has not made reference to the prior application from which the present application claims priority. Accordingly, the specification has been amended to contain such language and it is requested that the objection be withdrawn in light of the amendment.